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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 25-0109 – Supplementary Special Grant Fund Operating Appropriation –
Mayor’s Office of Employment Development – \$300,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 25-0109 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary Special Grant Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 to the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development – Service 795 (Workforce Services for Baltimore Residents), to provide funding to support the creation of recovery friendly workplaces and care navigators. The money for this supplementary appropriation is from a grant from the State of Maryland in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026. The grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated. The bill would take effect on its date of enactment.

Section 8(b)(2)(ii) of Article VI of the City Charter provides:

Grants from private or governmental sources that could not be expected with reasonable certainty at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates may be made available to the appropriate municipal agency for expenditure by a supplementary appropriation ordinance recommended to the City Council by the Board of Estimates, duly passed by the City Council by a majority vote of its members and approved by the Mayor.

The ordinance must identify the source of the funds and may only involve a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, § 8(c). Council Bill 25-0109 satisfies these requirements. Since it meets these criteria, Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michele Toth", written in a cursive style.

Michele Toth
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